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explanation as possible regarding subparagraph 8 on Page 4 of what is the federal General Service Administration, what are you talking about their research, what has that got to do with our state purchasing? I would like to know a lot about that area.

SENATOR MARVEL: I will give you as much information as I have at the moment. The most complete survey that is done in regard to competitive bidding in regard to the price of articles that would be purchased by government, which would include federal government and state government, is done by the General Services Administration, as I understand it, and rather than to have to set up a separate division, this would allow the Purchasing Agent to use the services of GSA in establishing whether or not competitive bidding is necessary. That is...in other words, the greatest inventory that is made in regard to items in the country is made by the federal GSA which is not exactly a liberal organization. It is a tough organization. It is in the business of trying to get the best price possible for government. Now that is my understanding. If you need more information, I will have to dig it out for you. Do you have any specific area that you are interested in or any specific part of this that bothers you? If it does, I will be glad to try to dig it out.

SENATOR KELLY: Allow me, Mr. President, to visit with Senator Marvel. Not having exact knowledge in this area, this sentence to me says that we are fixing the price at something established by the GSA and I am attempting to find out through you that we will have to visit later to find out just how that price is arrived at and if it is applicable to Nebraska, et cetera, and we will have to do that on our own, I believe.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want me to make one more statement?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, please.

SENATOR MARVEL: The items that would be tied to GSA have already gone through the bid process and the point here is to try to save expenditures and still keep competitive. You could use the experience and the procedure that has already been established by the federal General Services Administration. So we would not, as an agency or a subagency of the Department of Administrative Services, have to go through the procedure that had already been gone through. It is not an attempt to bypass procedure. It is an attempt to plug into present activities that are already being conducted. It is to take advantage of the experience without having to pay for it is what it amounts to, as I understand it.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, I will have to visit further on my own because you stated that the bidding has already taken place but this says that if you use the GSA price, you could purchase it without bidding and this is what bothers me.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, in order to establish a GSA price, they would have had to already gone through the bidding process.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? If not, Senator Marvel, do